GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1794
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USE OF DEFENCE AIRCRAFT FOR NON OFFICIAL PURPOSES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the use of defence aircraft for non-official purposes by many political persons/organisations;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount lying outstanding against them at present; and

(c) the steps taken to recover such amount?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) As per the existing guidelines of the Government, only Prime Minister is entitled to use Defence Aircraft for non-official purposes on payment basis.

(b) The details of dues more than Rs. 10 lakhs, pending are contained in the statement attached.

OUTSTANDING DUES

NAME	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL
Shri Chandrasekhar	5,91,31,476	6,56,35,938	12,47,67,414
Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao	5,72,13,700	3,21,20,398	8,93,34,098
Shrim H.D. Deve Gowda	54,61,497	22,93,828	77,55,325

(c) The Government has filed suits in February, 2001, in the High Court of Delhi, for effecting recovery of the amounts from the three former Prime Ministers. The suits will come up for hearing on 23rd April, 2002. Further action for realisation of dues will be taken as per directions of the Court.